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SUBJ: CONSULAR CONVENTION TALKS

REF: A. STATE 059332; B. STATE 067694

1. WELCOME SHAMWELL FOR WHOM VISA SUPPORT NOTE
SUBMITTED. PLEASE KEEP SOFIA INFORMED TRAVEL PLANS
AND RE SECRETARY.

2. WILL APPROPRIATE DEPT COMMENT ON BULGARIAN DRAFT
CONSULAR CONVENTION (REF A) WELL BEFORE SHAMWELL
ARRIVAL SINCE FURTHER EXCHANGES BETWEEN EMB AND DEPT
MAY BE DESIRABLE AND BULGARIAN OFFICIALS MAY NEED MAKE
BULGARIAN TRANSLATIONS.

3. WISH EMPHASIZE OUR BELIEF GOB DRAFT PROTOCOL RE NOTIFICATION
AND ACCESS CONTAINS PROVISIONS ON ACCESS WHICH CONFLICT WITH
CURRENT BULGARIAN PRACTICE DENYING CONSULAR
ACCESS OR ANY OTHER FORM CONTACT WITH DETAINEE UNTIL
PROSECUTOR'S INVESTIGATION COMPLETED AND INDICTMENT
ISSUED. EXPERIENCE UNDER UK- BULGARIAN TREATY SHOWS
IN PRACTICE THAT BULGARIAN " LOCAL LAW" PREVAILS
OVER TREATY PROVISIONS (WHICH TO BE SURE PROVIDE
NO FIXED PERIOD FOR ACCESS). RECOMMEND SHAMWELL
EXAMINE THIS QUESTION IN DEPTH WITH BULGARIAN
NEGOTIATORS.
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